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May 26, 2005

The Hon. Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary  
United States Department of State  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Madam Secretary:

On May 22, 2005 the front page of the New York Times reported that, "A cable sent on May 13 from the United States Embassy in Kabul, the Afghan capital, said that provincial officials and village elders had impeded destruction of significant poppy acreage and that top Afghan officials, including Mr. Karzai had done little to overcome that resistance."

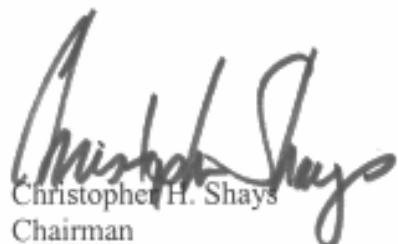
Since this Committee is actively involved in oversight of the explosion of opium poppy cultivation and warehousing of heroin in Afghanistan, we request that you produce for the Committee a copy of the cable referenced in the New York Times, by June 1, 2005.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact the clerk of the subcommittee, Malia Holst, at (202) 225-2577.

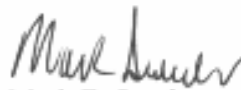
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